

**OFFICE OF THE CHIEF OF POLICE**

**SPECIAL ORDER NO. 34**

**October 12, 2005**

**SUBJECT: IN-CUSTODY DEATHS TERMINOLOGY - REVISED**

**PURPOSE:** California Government Code Section 12525 requires that the Department notify the California Department of Justice (DOJ) when a person dies while in the Department's custody. In the past, the Department has used two terms, Law Enforcement Activity Related Death (LEARD) and In-Custody Death (ICD), to describe incidents when a person dies while in custody. The term LEARD is a Los Angeles Police Department term that is not utilized by any other local or state law enforcement agency. This Order revises the terminology to conform with California/Federal DOJ and other statewide municipal agencies.

**PROCEDURE:** All In-Custody Deaths formerly referred to as LEARD incidents shall now be referred to as ICD incidents. The term Law Enforcement Activity Related Deaths (LEARD) shall be deactivated from all Department references, reports and training materials.

**Note:** This change does not affect the manner in which an ICD is investigated and reported as delineated in Department Manual Section 3/794.14.

**AMENDMENTS:** This Order amends Sections 2/101, 2/140.02, 3/409.20, 3/794.10, and 4/238.55 of the Department Manual.

**AUDIT RESPONSIBILITY:** The Commanding Officer, Force Investigation Division, shall monitor compliance with this directive per Department Manual Section 0/080.30.

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